firm while UPSEB has offered to do the job for over Rs. 300 crores less;

(c) whether Government would make public the World Bank report on the subject; if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S.'VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Unrealistic Poverty Eradication Plan

2909. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards a news item published in the 'Dainik Tribune' dated the 9th September, 1996, captioned ""Poverty Eradication Plan not realistic"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. According to the estimates made by the Planning Commission, 28.37 per cent of the rural population live below the poverty line in 1987-88. Planning Commission is actively engaged in considering alternatives to measure the extent of poverty in the country.

In so far as Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) is Concerned, per capita investment is progressively being stepped up through adoption of Family Credit Plan (FCP), group cluster approach, as well as formulation of viable project profiles.

आइस क्रीम और बेकरी उद्योगों को सुरक्षित उद्योगों की सूचना से हटाना

2910. श्री राम जेठमलानी: क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 15 नवम्बर, 1996 के ''टाइम्स आफ इण्डिया'' में ''मिनिस्टर्स आस्कस पी. एम. टू डिरिजर्व बेकरी, आइसक्रीम सैक्टर्स'' शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री से आइसक्रीम और बेकरी उद्योग को लघु उद्योग के लिए सुरक्षित उद्योगों की सूची से बाहर रखने का आग्रह किया गया है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या है;

(घ) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में अभी तक कोई निर्णय लिया है, और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (दिलीप कुमार राय): (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय का विचार है कि बेकरी मदों और आइसक्रीम समेत सभी खाद्य उत्पाद अनारक्षित होने चाहिए ताकि नई प्रौद्योगिकीयां प्रवेश कर सकें और गुणवत्ता सुधार आरंभ किए जा सकें।

(घ) से (ङ) वर्तमान नीति के अनुसार, आइसक्रीम और बेकरी मदें लघु क्षेत्र में उत्पादन हेतु आरक्षित हैं।

Direct funding under JRY

2911. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct funding through JRY-Innovation has led to distortion of the role of the State Governments;

(b) if so, in what manner Government propose to reverse this induced distortion through JRY Innovation;

(c) whether it is a fact that JRY Innovation was an excuse for direct patronage by Government; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to remove this distortion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The projects under Innovative JRY have been funded for implemenation in consultation with respective State Government. The expenditure is shared between Centre and State in the ratio of 80:20 in all the projects which are being implemented by the State Government